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REED MERCANTILE CO. SELL STORE BUILDING

J. A. Kemmer, Grassy Cove, the Purchaser; Reed Company Rent For Three Years.

On Saturday, June 10, the Reed Mercantile Company decided to J. A. Kemmer, Grassy Cove, their store property and the lots adjacent thereto. The consideration was \$13,000 cash. The Reed Company has rented the building for three years at \$100 a month.

An effort was made to keep the deal quiet, but as usual in such cases the main details leaked out and the deal was being discussed by several persons the first of the week. So far as Mr. Kemmer goes it simply means to him a safe investment in one of the best pieces of property in Crossville or in the county.

When the Chronicle editor saw Mr. F. Reed relative to the deal he did not give the consideration, but directed us to Mr. Kemmer for that information. Mr. Kemmer not being accessible, our only recourse was to take the rumored price as the proper one. Mr. Reed had no hesitancy in giving his reasons for the sale. He stated that the money tied up in real estate could be used to a better advantage in their business in discounting bills and taking advantage of purchases. He stated that the sale meant no change in the business of the company. It simply meant that they could get better results by using the money in their business than by having it tied up in real estate.

The sale of the building did not include the electric light plant. It will be remembered that a few weeks ago J. J. Wilkes made a deal for the electric light plant and while it has been rumored that he would turn the plant back to the Reed Company, he has not done so yet. At one time Mr. Wilkes had plans for enlarging his power supply and through the increased power to furnish several lights for Main street that were to be paid for by the city. Up to the present time the increased power has not been supplied nor the lights for the city. There are some persons in town who are not now using electric lights but would do so gladly if the lines were conveyed to their homes. How soon that will be done remains to be seen.

SPLENDID CITIZEN MOVES.

L. R. Neel, who has been developing a farm near Mayland for several years, has accepted the position of superintendent of the State Experiment Station, Columbia, and has temporarily moved there.

He advises that he will continue to develop his farm here—now has two families on it—and expects to make of it a fine, large farm where, a little later, he will pass the greater part of his time, especially his summers as he regards this a most wonderful summer climate.

In the departure of Mr. Neel and wife our county loses two most excellent citizens. Especially would Mr. Neel have been of great benefit to our county by his example in developing a farm and the splendid service he could and gladly would have been to our farmers in giving them advice on practically all farm subjects.

It will be remembered that about a year ago twenty persons signed a paper for the purchase of 100 acres of land at Greens Ford, to be known as Greens Ford Park. For some days W. J. Hodges has been surveying the tract and will have the deed ready for delivery by August 1. All who signed the paper are requested to be ready with their money by that date as it is the wish of Mr. Hodges to close the matter up as soon as possible. The sight for this proposed park is a most charming one and the project should be carried forward along lines that would make it a very pleasant place for recreation surrounded by every safeguard that would tend to decency and good behavior. We have no doubt that those interested will most heartily labor to that end.

Mrs. W. H. Blue and babe arrived from Lebanon yesterday morning. They were accompanied by Mrs. Blue's mother, Mrs. H. K. Edgerton, who will visit here with her daughter and family for some days.

The restaurant of Volner Hamby and the store of Measmer Brothers were broken into Wednesday night and a small amount of goods taken. The thieves have not yet been arrested.

GREAT ROAD SYSTEM PLANNED BY GOVERNMENT

The System to Comprize 180,000 Miles of Road for the Entire United States.

A system of highways that will serve the whole country and will be far superior to any other in the world is being mapped out by Federal and State engineers. It is estimated that the system will comprise 180,000 miles of road. The Federal highway act recently enacted specifically requires that all Federal aid be spent on a connected system of highways consisting of not more than 7 percent of the road mileage in each state, and that this system shall consist of interstate or primary roads and inter-county or secondary roads.

Proposed systems have been received by the Bureau of Public Roads of the United States Department of Agriculture from all but eight States. They are plotted on a large map of the United States and carefully examined as to co-ordination with the roads of adjacent states and service to all sections of the country. Where coordination is not satisfactory conferences are held with all interested state highway officials and routes adjusted.

Many states have already adjusted

BETTER WORK DEMANDED OF SCHOOL TEACHERS

County Institute June 26 to July 6; State Superintendent Here Monday, July 10.

The County Board of Education met in the office of the Superintendent Ethel Walker, Saturday and voted to concur in her efforts to raise the standard of the teaching force of our county, and to discourage to the limit the employment of any teacher holding a temporary certificate, and to put forth an earnest effort to secure well qualified and efficient teachers to supply all our schools.

All teachers are expected to attend the County Institute which begins daily at 8:15 a. m., June 26, to July 6 inclusive, prior to the State Teachers' examinations July 7 and 8.

The regular State adopted elementary text-books will be used in the Review Course. All teachers who hold copies of the Elementary Course of Study, given out last year by Prof. Cline, should be sure to bring said books for use in the Institute; also bring your State Certificate in order that they may be registered according to the law.

School Law on Institute Attendance. (Page 94, Sec. 5) "It shall be the duty of all teachers in any county of

BIG CELEBRATION JULY 4

AT

Daddys Creek Resort.

Watch this paper for Program next week.

difficult problems with their neighbors. As an example the system sent in by Nebraska showed a big gap in an important road along the northern boundary. It was learned, however, that South Dakota would follow with a system that would fit like pictures on toy blocks. Since the Federal Highway act of last November became a law, only roads certain to be on the system have been approved for construction.—U. S. Department of Agriculture Clip Sheet.

Since the Memphis-to-Bristol highway is a recognized part of the great trans-continental highway that is to extend from Washington, D. C. to San Diego, California, there would seem to be not the slightest doubt that the section of Memphis-to-Bristol thru this county will be included in the early plans for building.

Should such a thing develop, which is not likely, that the present agreement with the State Highway Commission should not be carried out next year as now expected, there is every probability that the Memphis-to-Bristol will readily be shown to be so important a part of the road system of this state and the nation, that its completion at an early date through this county would naturally follow.

Viewing the situation from any angle one may, the great importance of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway stands out so distinctly that every condition favors its completion within the near future.

At this time it is understood that no work is to be done on the Memphis-to-Bristol in this county by the State Highway commission on the basis of \$5,000 a mile from this county on completed road this year. But it is well understood that work will commence next year. So, taking all things into consideration there seems to be almost no conditions that can arise to delay the early construction of the Memphis-to-Bristol through this county.

John Q. Wyatt was in from Vandever yesterday. He reports crops looking well in his neighborhood, but corn in many cases is small because of late planting.

I was at a party the other night and kissed a girl; she had me arrested and sued me for damages. She didn't get any damages out of me, though, for I proved to the court she had no sign up, "look out for paint." Ex.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Martin and Miss Fannie DeGolia drove to Knoxville last week.

this state to attend the full term of any county Institute held for teachers of his race in that county under provisions made by the state and county Superintendents of Public Instruction; but in lieu of attendance upon the institute in his county a teacher may attend a similar institute in any other county in the state in the same year, or take regular work in a summer session of one of the State Normal School or any regularly organized summer school of good standing.

"Permanent certificates shall be revoked if the holders shall discontinue school work for more than three successive years and if they fail to attend institutes or meet other requirements as prescribed by the State Supt. of Public Instruction and the State Board of Education." (Page 97, Sec. 6, Par. 4.)

At the recent examinations held for teachers for this year the results were far from hopeful. Thirteen took the elementary examination in April and of this number only two were granted certificates. Two out of the remaining eleven were all who passed in spelling, grammar and arithmetic, and their average grade was below 75, which excluded them from receiving certificates. One of the two who were granted certificates made an average grade of 85 and one 75. Three high school graduates took the high school examinations and they were granted high school certificates. When it is seen that so many who do not attend the high school fail, while those who did attend high school and took the examination won certificates, it should become clear to all who expect to teach, the great importance of attending the high school.

At the Examination in May, 17 took the elementary examination and five the high school examination. Not one made the required grade of 75 for even a second grade certificate. All except three of the 17 elementary applicants failed on spelling, grammar and arithmetic. The only three who made a fair average have had two years work in high school. This again shows the great advantage those have who attend the high school over those who do not attend.

The public should study this record on certificates and lend all the possible aid to the school authorities to the end that the standard of school work may be raised as rapidly as possible.

Supt. Brown Here Monday, July 10. State Superintendent J. B. Brown will be here Monday, July 10 to address the public on the school question. His address will be of great import-

MOVING PICTURE LECTURE AT MECCA SATURDAY NIGHT

Given by Crossville Masonic Lodge the Regular Movie Show Will Follow Immediately.

Crossville Masonic Lodge has arranged for a series of picture slides to be shown in the Mecca Saturday night, June 24th., in celebration of the Masonic festival day of St. John. The show will begin at the usual hour—eight o'clock—and the Masonic slides will be shown first and the regular show will follow immediately.

The Masonic slides will show the pictures of many Masons who were prominent in Colonial days and who took an important part in the war for our national independence. A very interesting and instructive reading will go along with the pictures. A vast amount of information of a most thrilling and interesting kind will be given. Did you know that Paul Revere was a Mason? Did you know that practically all the members of the Boston Tea Party were Masons and that the Masonic lodge was adjourned to enable the members to attend the "Tea Party?" The slides and accompanying explanations will make it clear to you that in the minds and hearts of Masons the liberty of the colonies was conceived and it was carried to success by the aid of many leading Masons. No Mason can see this series of pictures and not feel a sense of pride in the fact that he is numbered in that fraternity. Every Mason in the county should be present, for nothing like it or in any way approaching it has ever been shown here before. It is hoped that all Masons and Eastern Star members will come and bring as many friends with them as possible. The admission charge will be 15 and 35 cents and will include both the Masonic lecture and the regular show at the Mecca.

MECCA SHOW

The show to be given by the Mecca Saturday night will be, Bill Hart in the "Testing Block." This is one of the famous Paramount pictures and one of the best that has been shown here for months. The Paramount people put out very few Western films, but this is one of their very best western pieces and will be well worth seeing. You can't afford to miss this thrilling western scene. Admission to both shows 15 and 35 cents. It will prove a rare treat, such as you have not enjoyed in a long time. Come and bring your friends with you. Better come early or you are liable to have trouble in securing a seat for the attendance promises to be large.

ance to all who are really and truly interested in our schools and their development in the direction of higher levels and better service. He has expressed the hope that not a single temporary certificate will be issued in the state this year. It is very probable he will stress this point quite strongly and give some very excellent reasons for omitting to issue such certificates.

The County Board of Education will meet July 10 to begin selection of teachers of the schools of the county for this year.

The office of the County Superintendent will be closed until Saturday afternoon, as the superintendent will be attending a Professional Conference at the East Tennessee State Normal School, Johnson City.

Should any teacher desire special information prior to Saturday, write J. S. Reed, or W. F. Bandy, local members of the Board of Education.

During the Institute would be a good time for some wide-awake merchant to advertise by distributing fans to the teachers.

Chairman J. S. Reed has asked the Chronicle to announce that the Commercial Hotel will be opened for the use of the teachers during the Institute. The expenses will be handled on the co-operative basis. Those desiring more full and explicit information should see Mr. Reed.

An Intelligent Fire—One wing of a large summer-resort hotel had burned and the manager and a group of employees were gazing mournfully at the ruins.

"Strange," murmured the manager, "that the fire should have stopped at that gate."

"Why, sir," excitedly exclaimed an intelligent bell boy, "didn't you know? That gate was shut."—Ladies Home Journal.

"I hear you were in a fight today." "I had a fight, but I wasn't in it."—Ex.

GOT BIGGEST ONE EVER BURNED HOUSE AND ALL

Officers Destroyed 125 Gallon Still and 800 Gallons Beer, Three Miles from Vandever.

Probably the largest wildcat still ever found in this county was raided and destroyed Friday, some three miles south of Vandever and near the home of C. Davis, by U. S. Revenue Officers J. H. Hughes and W. H. Reber, and Deputy Sheriff Odie Campbell and Marshal Lyles.

They found a still that was estimated to hold 125 gallons, 800 gallons beer, 13 fermenters and other equipment. The still was located in a frame house about 25x40 feet in size and it is claimed it has been in operation for some three years. A large water tank had been erected and water was pumped from the creek near by and then turned loose through a faucet as needed. The building and all contents were burned and everything connected with the outfit was as effectively destroyed as possible.

There was a plain path leading from the home of C. Davis to the still and the officers claim they have all the evidence they need against Davis. The officers went to the Davis home but were refused admission and not allowed to search the premises because they did not have the proper search warrant. Davis has not been arrested but no doubt is felt that he will be soon. Mrs. Davis claimed she knew nothing whatever of the still being there nor did she have any knowledge relative to it in anyway, yet the still was only about 300 yards from the Davis home.

The above named officers also arrested Baxter Harver, Friday night, near Pleasant Hill. It seems that Harver had been arrested in White county on the charge of unlawful stilling and forfeited his bond and came to this county some five months ago. He is suspected of having been engaged in stilling since he came to this county. Officer Hughes had arrested him in White county about eight months ago. It seems he is also indicted for threatening to kill Odie Campbell for informing revenue officers where his still was located.

TWO FINE OLD CITIZENS PASS TO GREAT BEYOND

J. R. (Riley) Wyatt and Wife Drucilla, Died Friday and Monday of Last Week.

J. R. Wyatt, familiarly known as "Uncle Riley," died at his home near Vandever, Friday, June 16, at 9:30, aged 73 years, seven months and twenty-four days. Kidney trouble and advanced age were the direct causes of his death. The remains were interred at Hales Chapel cemetery Saturday and the funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Cobble.

The deceased was held in high esteem by his neighbors and many persons over the county. He was born and reared in this county on the farm where he died. He had been a farmer and stock dealer all his life. For many years he had assisted stock buyers from a distance when they came to this section to buy cars of cattle, sheep and hogs. He was so well and favorably known that his services always proved of much value to buyers who chanced to be strangers to the people of this section.

The deceased was married twice, his last wife preceeding him to the grave only two days as she died Monday before he passed away and she was buried Wednesday before his remains were laid to rest. He leaves ten living children, six of whom are married, one girl and three sons being at home unmarried. He was a member of the M. E. Church. At his death he owned two farms besides the one he lived upon. The home place contained 50 acres and the other two 100 and 140 acres respectively.

Mrs. Drucilla Wyatt, second wife of J. R. Wyatt, died at their home near Vandever, Monday evening, June 12, and the remains were buried at the Hales Chapel cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Cobble. She was the mother of three living children by her late husband, two boys and one girl. She was also a member of the M. E. Church. She was a Christian mother of fine character and was much beloved by all who knew her.